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Mail Stop Patent Application
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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Hubert Carl Burton, Jr.

For (title): LIGHT SHIELD

1. Type of Application

This application is for a continuation-in-part (C-I-P).

2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application (35 U.S.C. §§ 119(e), 120, or 121)

The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. application.

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3. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. § 1.153 (Design) Application

21 Page(s) of Specification
3 Page(s) of Claims
4 Sheet(s) of Drawing(s)--Informal

B. Other Papers Enclosed

1 Page(s) of abstract
1 Page(s) of Title Page

4. Declaration or Oath

Not Enclosed.

Application is made by a person authorized under 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c) on behalf of the above-named inventor.

5. Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same.

6. Language

English

7. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

Regular Application

| CLAIMS AS FILED | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Number Filed | | Number Extra | | | | Rate | | Basic Fee \$375.00 | | | |
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| Total | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Claims (37 C.F.R § 1.16(c)) | | 20 | – | 20 | = | 0 | x | \$ | 9.00 | = \$ | 0.00 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Independent | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Claims (37 C.F.R § 1.16(b)) | | 3 | – | 3 | = | 0 | x | \$ | 42.00 | = \$ | 0.00 |
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| Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R § 1.16(d)) | | | | | | | | \$ | 280.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
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| Filing Fee Calculation | | | | | | | | | \$375.00 | | |

Applicant is a small entity.

6. Small entity assertion

Small entity status is asserted for this application by payment of the small entity filing fee under § 1.16(k). 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c)(3).

8. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time

Filing Fee \$375.00

9. Method of Payment of Fees

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10. Instructions as to Overpayment

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11. Relate Back

As set forth in the attached application, the specification is being amended by inserting, before the first line, the following sentence:

A. 35 U.S.C. Sections 120, 121 and 365(c)

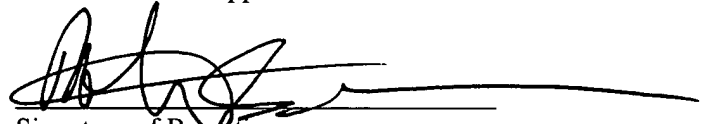
"This application is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/619,339, filed July 14, 2003, and claims the priority benefit of that application, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety."

12. Further Inventorship Statement Where Benefit of Prior Application(s) Claimed

- (a) This application discloses and claims additional disclosure and a new declaration will be filed. With respect to the prior application, the inventor in this application is the same.

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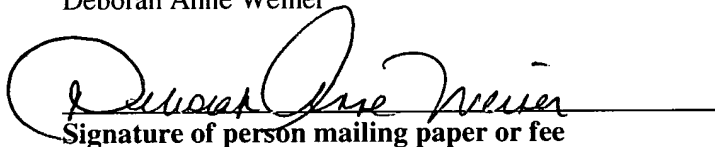
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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| 1001 750 | 2001 375 | Utility filing fee | 375.00 |
| 1002 330 | 2002 165 | Design filing fee | |
| 1003 520 | 2003 260 | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 750 | 2004 375 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 1005 160 | 2005 80 | Provisional filing fee | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) | | | (\$ 375.00 |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| 20 | -20** = 0 | X 9.00 | = 0.00 |
| 3 | -3** = 0 | X 42.0 | = 0.00 |
| Multiple Dependent | | | |

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 1202 18 | 2202 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 84 | 2201 42 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 280 | 2203 140 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 84 | 2204 42 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 18 | 2205 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 0.00

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|----------|
| 1051 130 | 2051 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 50 | 2052 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 130 | 1053 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 2,520 | 1812 2,520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 1804 920* | 1804 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 1,840* | 1805 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 110 | 2251 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 410 | 2252 205 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 930 | 2253 465 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 1,450 | 2254 725 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 1,970 | 2255 985 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 320 | 2401 160 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 320 | 2402 160 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 280 | 2403 140 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 1,510 | 1451 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 110 | 2452 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 1,300 | 2453 650 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 1501 1,300 | 2501 650 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 470 | 2502 235 | Design issue fee | |
| 1503 630 | 2503 315 | Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 130 | 1460 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 50 | 1807 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 1806 180 | 1806 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 40 | 8021 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 1809 750 | 2809 375 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 750 | 2810 375 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
| 1801 750 | 2801 375 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 1802 900 | 1802 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |

Other fee (specify)

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

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